Special Railway Safety Fund

617. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Special Railway Safety fund (SRSF) has been created;

(b) if so, how much money has been allotted to this fund and what is the present balance lying at the credit in this fund; and

(c) how far the SRSF has been utilized since its creation till today?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) a non-lapsable 'Special Railway Safety fund' (SRSF) of Rs. 17000/- crore has been set up w.e.f. 1.10.2001 to wipe out the arrears in renewal/replacement of over-aged assets such as track, bridges, rolling stock, signaling gears and some safety enhancement works, within a fixed time frame of 6 years from 2001-2002 to 2006-07. An expenditure of Rs. 10182.12 crore has been made from this fund till 31.3.2005. For the year 2005-06, an allocation of Rs. 3522 crore has been made. The balance amount from this fund is to be utilized during the year 2006-2007.

(c) The year-wise allocation and expenditure (Net) from SRSF is as follows:—

(Rs. In crore)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure (Net)
2001-02	1400 (Revised Estimate)	1434.28
2002-03	2310 (Revised Estimate)	2486.31
2003-2004	2350.66 (Revised Estimate)	2583.77
2004-05 (Provisional)	3645 (Revised Estimate)	3677.80
2005-06	3522 (Budget Estimate)	248.88 (Upto May' 05)

Thus, a total of Rs. 10431.04 crore (provisional) has been utilized from SRSF since its creation till May, 2005.

East Coast Railways

618. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that East Coast Railway (ECR) with

headquarters at Bhubaneswar, has shown remarkable growth both in goods and passenger traffic during 2004-05 and similarly there is perceptible rise in revenue earnings;

(b) if so, the details of these results;

(c) the status of the on going and new rail projects, including electrification, which are moving at slow pace on account of lack of adequate allocations; and

(d) the action plan of Government to speed up completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the year 2004-05 freight and passenger traffic recoreded a growth of 9.99% and 10.22% respectively. The earnings increased by 11.13% in case of freight traffic and 9.18% in case of passenger traffic.

(c) and (d) A detailed note in this regard is attached as statement.

Statement

Action Plan for ongoing projects of ECR

The various ongoing projects under East Coast Railway are being progressed as per their operational priorities and availability of resources. Railways have taken a number of initiatives to get additional resources from sources other than the normal budgetary support to expedite the progress of the projects. Some of the ongoing projects under East Coast Railway have been identified as part of National Rail Vikas Yojana (NRVY) for strengthening of Golden Quadrilateral & Diagonals and Port Connectivity routes. Execution of these projects under NRVY will expendite their completion. These include Daitari-Banspani and Haridaspur-Paradeep new lines and some doubling projects.

The project-wise actual expenditure incurred up to 31.3.2005 since the commencement of work, budget outlay provided during 2005-06, and up-to-date overall physical progress of work of various new/ongoing New Line, Gauge conversion and Doubling, Electrification projects under the East Coast Railway are as given under:—

SI. No.	Name of the Project	Actual Expenditure Incurred up to 31.03.2005 (Rs. In crore)	Budge Outlay provided during 2005-06 (Rs. In crore)	Present Status
1	2	3	4	5
NEW LINE				
1.	Daitari-Banspani (155 Kms.)	529.14	128.61	NRVY project. Overall physical progress is 73%.
2.	Lanjigarh Road-Junagarh (56 Kms.)	21.32	8.00	Overall physical gress is 33%.
3.	Khurda road-Bolangir (289 Kms.)	36.55	10.00	Overall physical progress is 20%
4.	Haridaspur— Paradeep (82 kms.)	29.51	20.00	NRVY project. Final Location Survey (FLS) has been completed. Soil investigations of bridges & embankment and Land acquisition have been completed partially.
5.	Angul-Sukinda Road (98.7 Kms.)	0.78	0.10	FLS and soil investigation along the alignment have been completed.
6.	Talcher-Bimlagarh (154 Kms.)	**0**	5.00	FLS has been completed partially. Preparation of plans & estimates has been taken up.
GAUGE CONVERSION				
1.	Naupada-Gunupur (90 Kms.)	**28.47**	5.00	Overall physical progress is 15%.
DOUBLING				
1.	Nergundi-Cuttack-Raghunathpur (43 Kms.)	148.51	8.97	Overall physical progress is 88%.
2.	2nd Bridges on Mahanadi & Birupa (3 Kms.)	20.32	28.60	NRVY Project. 2nd bridge over River Birupa has been completed and commissioned.

1	2	3	4	5
				Contract for the work of 2nd bridge over River Mahanadi has been awarded.
3.	Lanjigarh-Titlagarh (47 Kms.)	98 93	10.00	Overall physical progress is 81%.
4.	Rajathgarh-Barang (20 Kms.)	1.36	30.00	NRVY project. FLS and geo-technical investi-gation of all major bridges have been completed. Work on Mahanadi Bridge has been taken up.
5.	Khurda Road-Puri (Phase-I) (15.3 Kms.)	36.02	10.00	Overall physical progress is 54%.
C.	Sambalpur-Rengali (22.7 Kms.)	5.81	10.70	Overall physical progress is 11%.
7.	Jharsuguda-Rengali (25.6 Kms.)	0	7.00	New work included in the Budget 2005-06.
8.	Cuttack-Barang (12 Kms.)	0	30.00	NRVY project. FLS has been completed. Work of substructure of Kuakhai Bridge has commenced.
9	Khurda Road-Barang 3rd Line (35 Kms.)	0	30.00	NRVY project. FLS has been completed.
	RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION			
1.	Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar including Talcher-Paradeep Branch line	305.68	19.50	Work is in progress and targeted for completion by December '05 except Cuttack-Paradeep.
2	Bhubaneshwar-Kottavalasa Including Khurda Road-Puri line.	28347	5.00	Completed. Residual job in hand.

Travelling in the names of MPs/MLAs

f619. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of persons who travelled in the names of MPs/MLAs

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.